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1. VLAD GEORGESCU (STATE 88249). GEORGESCU'S EFFORTS TO GET APPROVAL TO COME TO WASHINGTON ON WOODROW WILSON FELLOWSHIP HAVE BEEN WITHOUT RESULT SO FAR. ACCORDING TO HIM, HE SUBMITTED APPLICATION FEBRUARY 20, AND HAS WRITTEN LONG LETTER TO FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER LT. GEN. NICOLAE PLESITA, WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIAL MOST INVOLVED WITH HIS CASE LAST SPRING. IN ADDITION, I HAVE RAISED QUESTION OF HIS APPLICATION INFORMALLY WITH CULTURAL COUNCIL FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTOR ILEASA AND ACADEMY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES PRESIDENT MIHNEA GHEORGHIU. ONLY RESULT, ACCORDING TO GEORGESCU, HAS BEEN CALL FROM ACADEMY DEPUTY SECRETARY ION GOLIAT SOME TWO WEEKS AGO ASKING IF HE REALLY WANTED TO GO AND SPECULATING THAT INVITATION WAS "AMERICAN PROVOCATION."
I ALSO UNDERSTAND HEARST CORRESPONDENT JOHN WALLACH MENTIONED GEORGESCU INVITATION IN MARCH 28 INTERVIEW WITH CEAUSESCU, IN CONTEXT OF THINGS WHICH MIGHT BE DONE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS IN CULTURAL EXCHANGES FIELD, AS TOPIC HE HAD LEARNED OF IN WASHINGTON. I CALLED GEORGESCU APRIL 7 ON RECEIPT REFTEL, AND HE TOLD ME HE HAS HAD ABSOLUTELY NO OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO HIS APPLICATION. RE YOUR QUESTION CONCERNING HIS INTENTION TO RETURN OR STAY, IN MY TWO FACE-TO-FACE CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM SINCE INVITATION
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RECEIVED HE HAS APPEARED TO BE GENUINELY UNDECIDED, BUT INCLINED TO RETURN MORE RATHER THAN LESS. ON PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION (AT LEAST AS FAR AS GOR IS CONCERNED) OF WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL SPEAK OUT DURING HIS STAY, HE SAID HE WAS GENUINELY UNDECIDED, BUT INCLINED TO ENGAGE MAINLY IN SERIOUS SCHOLARLY WORK, AND NOT INCLINED TO GO BEYOND CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS IN DISCUSSING CURRENT POLITICS.

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